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PRESIDENT GRAHAM AND DEAN DIEHL BEGIN AT SOUTHERN UNION COLLEGE

Two new administrators at the Southern Union College were recognized at a Service of Consecration on New Year's Day, Jan. 1: Walter A. Graham as President and Professor Henry H. Diehl as Dean of Students.

The service was under the direction of College Chaplain Carl J. Landes and was held in the auditorium of Elder Hall at 7:40 a. m. with the entire student body participating.

Others having a part in the service included the Rev. James H. Lightbourne Jr., Superintendent of the Southeast Convention, who brought the meditation: Vice President Douglas Wasson; Dean Albert Ray Van Cleave; Board of Trustees Chairman W. Pressley Ingram; Student Council officers John A. Jackson and Miss Denada Cecil; and the College Choir.

President Graham was elected to his office last August and recently resigned as national director of the Laymen's Fellowship of the CC churches. Dean Diehl is a recent graduate of Ohio State University and will soon receive his Ph.D. degree in mathematics from OSU.

Plans are being made for an impressive service of inauguration for President Walter A. Graham, to be held April 12 at the college.



WALTER A. GRAHAM

Church, Annandale, Va.; Franklinton Center, Bricks, N. C.; Catawba College, Salisbury, N. C.; First C. C. Church, Atlanta, Ga.; Southern Union College, Wadley, Ala.; Talladega College, Talladega, Ala.; Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.; Pleasant Hill Community Center, Pleasant Hill, Tenn.; Knoxville, Tenn., and Charlottesville, Va.

Missions Council Tours

Both the Eastern Section and the Midwest Section of the annual Missions Council Southern Tours will visit in the Southeast Convention during April. Both groups will be at Southern Union College on April 12 for the inauguration of Walter A. Graham as President of the college.

Other points on the tour will be the Congregational Christian Service Center in New York; Fairfax County C. C.

Ordination Service

The Rev. J. W. Roberts was ordained on the afternoon of Dec. 29 at Beulah Congregational Christian Church in Wadley, Ala.

Dr. A. R. Van Cleave preached the sermon with the Reverends A. C. Nelson, Charles W. Bell, Olin E. Sheppard and H. Paul Beard of the East Alabama Association and Superintendent James H. Lightbourne, Jr., participating.

Southern CSA Institute

Those interested in attending the Southern Christian Social Action Institute to be held Feb. 11-14 at Lake Byrd Lodge, Avon Park, Fla., should contact the Southeast Convention office as soon as possible. A limited number of scholarships will be available, and some travel aid.

The Institute has been planned and promoted by Wilfred Oliver, Christian Social Action chairman for the Florida Conference, in cooperation with the southern superintendents and the CSA.

Leaders for the Institute will be Dr. Herman Reissig and Miss Fern Babcock, of the staff of the Council for Christian Social Action. Topics to be discussed include "The Meaning of Christian Social Action," "Organizing Social Action Groups Locally," "Leadership Training," "Alcoholism," "The Creative Use of Leisure in the Retired Years," "International Affairs," "The Church and Social Welfare" and "Problems of Our Southern States and How We Can Best Meet Them."

Delegates will attend from the Southern Convention, the SEC, the Convention of the South and the Florida Conference.

W. M. McCullars Ordained

A Service of Ordination for W. M. McCullars and Licensure of Claudius Pemberton was held by the East Alabama Association on the evening of Dec. 15 at Hunt Memorial Church in Alexander City, Ala.

The sermon was delivered by the Rev. James H. Lightbourne, Jr., Superintendent of the SEC, and other ministers participating were the Reverends A. R. Van Cleave, Charles Bell, Olin Sheppard, E. S. Fetner and A. C. Nelson. H. P. Beard, Secretary of the East Alabama Association for the past 26 years, presented the certificate.

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CC Home For Children Needs Your Support

The only Congregational Christian Home for Children is maintained at Elon, N. C., with John G. Truitt as Superintendent. The home was built and established by the Southern Convention in 1905. It is located on 289 acres of wooded and farm lands and has three main buildings housing between 75 and 80 children. It maintains a farm for raising gardens, grain, cattle, chickens and hogs. It employs three house mothers, a clothing matron and a dietitian. It has a farm manager, an assistant farmer and one laborer, a secretary and the superintendent.

Children are accepted mainly from Congregational Christian churches or communities, and recommended as to their need of help by CC ministers. Destitute and needy ones are received without reference to any religious status.

The children may be returned to re-established homes or in some cases dismissed to adoptive parents. The Home maintains an adoptive relationship with the North Carolina Children's Home Society.

Churches in the Southeast Convention have contributed to this Home in the past, and some have maintained a re-

A COMMUNITY PARADE

Asheboro is a little Southern town. Its inhabitants are largely those who have grown up in Randolph and adjoining counties. It is not greatly different from any other community of its size.

In three successive years there has been a Christmas parade that is strictly religious. The merchants have their own introduction of Santa Claus and the advertising of the season. This year that parade was not a big affair. But when the churches moved through the town with floats, bands, and choirs last week the community was there to see, to learn, to enjoy, and perhaps to worship.

The community choir led the way, singing Christmas carols. Then followed nineteen beautiful floats representing the prophecies concerning the coming of Christ, the story of His birth, and the fulfilling of the Great Commission. The two bands of the city had their places between the floats. It was a beautiful display of community enterprise and readied the minds of people to prepare for the kind of Christmas that the prophets dreamed of, shepherds and wise men witnessed, and Christians through all the ages have enjoyed.

It was a community Christmas parade promoted by the Ministerial Association and the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and shared by the churches. Schools of the community are white and colored, the churches and schools are divided by the color line, but the Ministerial Association, the Council of Church Women, and the Christmas Parade are composed of all the people of the community. At Christmas people of differing races and creeds join in presenting the story of the birth of a Baby who became the one hope of the world.

—editorial from THE CHRISTIAN SUN

lationship with one particular child, writing letters, sending birthday cards and gifts.

The Home, according to Mr. Truitt, is greatly in need of funds for operation and is appealing to CC churches throughout the nation for support.

Funds from churches within the SEC should be sent through the Convention office, designated for the Home, so denominational credit may be received.

Laymen Launch Project

The East Alabama-West Georgia Laymen's Fellowship, representing about 65 churches, has launched a campaign for funds to construct a 30 X 40 dressing-room building on the campus of Southern Union College. The drive was set in motion on Nov. 30 by past-president Harry Barr of Phenix City and incoming president William O. McGill of Lanett.

The dressing rooms will be of concrete block construction and will be built near the campus swimming pool. The building is a multipurpose unit and will be used for physical education classes, the athletic program and also as a bath house for the swimming pool during the summer months.

Several major fund raising projects will be sponsored by the men, including a \$5 per couple dinner at the college for the annual "ladies night" in late February. Many of the men will donate their labor for the project and thus save on building costs. It is hoped that the building will be ready for the 1958 baseball season.

WORLD LEADERSHIP

The illness of President Eisenhower and the Russian Sputniks have panicked some of the American people. They are ready to ask the President to resign, and to spend extra billions of dollars to get earth satellites into space.

One wonders if there aren't more important things that need to be done in order to restore our place in world relations. It may be that curbing the crime wave, restoring the influence of the courts, improving the quality of our schools, getting a new appreciation for the brotherhood of man, and a renewed loyalty to Christ will prepare us for the desired place of leadership.

Faith in God is much more important than fear of man for those who wish to lead in the affairs of the world.

—editorial from THE CHRISTIAN SUN

Have You Mailed In

Since pastors and church clerks received the denominational Year Book report blanks about January 2nd, we hope most of them have already filled in the blank and mailed the report to the Southeast Convention office. We do urge you to cooperate in this important

Our Undeveloped Resource

"The only serious problem in Protestantism is the unemployed state of its laymen," said Dr. Truman B. Douglass, executive vice-president of the Board of Home Missions of the CC Churches. He rated laymen above ministers in importance in carrying out "everything the churches desire and hope to accomplish for the renewal and redemption of society."

"The unrealized power of Protestantism," Dr. Douglass told boards of directors of the Laymen's Fellowship of the CC Churches and the Churchmen's Brotherhood of the E. and R. Church, meeting at the Shoreland Hotel Dec. 6-8, "is the power of the vast millions of church members" that could be harnessed to the practical problems of the churches to "release a tremendous spiritual force" capable of producing "the most far-reaching revolution in the history of the Christian movement."

According to Dr. Douglass, lay people are better fitted than the clergy to perform such central tasks as "the communication of the Christian faith, the work of evangelism (which is the telling of the good news of Christ in terms that can be understood by persons in all vocations and circumstances of life), and the translation of the Christian assurance and the Christian hope into terms that are understandable by persons who are not trained in the professional jargon of theology."

He called for the United Church of Christ to make "a more thorough-going study of the particular vocation of both clergy and laity than has yet been made in Protestantism." Its results will "not only shape the character of the United Church but will afford guidance to the whole of Protestantism for the realization of the greatest undeveloped resource of the Christian Church—the latent power of a dedicated laity."

Your Year Book Report?

and matter, in order that we make the new Year Book an increasingly helpful aid.

Active pastors receive a copy free. Church clerks may receive one by sending a card to the Year Book, Dept. 287, Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y.

THE SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE FOR THE YEAR

FOR THE NEW YEAR

It is by design rather than accident that the Bible opens with the story of creation. "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." Life has its origin with God. Humanity exists, not because it was the will of human beings that they should come into existence, but because God willed that there should be people. The universe neither willed itself into existence nor came into existence by chance. It is the product of the wisdom and the creative activity of God. In the words of the psalmist we have the situation stated clearly and beautifully: "The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein."

There is a phrase that has currency in certain circles. "Nihil ex nihilo." "Nothing comes out of nothing." The Christian faith in creation states the matter quite differently. "Creato ex nihilo." "Creation out of nothing." This is to say that God brought into existence the raw material out of which He formed the universe and all that exists "Creation out of nothing" — an amazing idea. It staggers the mind. How can this be? How can this not be? God is first. He stands alone at the beginning. All else exists only because He has made it possible.

Rev. Thomas H. Britton, a son of the Southeast Convention now serving one of our churches in Portsmouth, Va., some years ago in a sermon suggested to his hearers an interesting implication of this doctrine of creation: "Creato ex nihilo." If God can create a universe out of nothing, think what He can do through our lives if we but freely grant unto Him the opportunity. Consider the testimony of scripture. The great figures of the Bible were, by and large, ordinary persons, living ordinary lives, in ordinary places until God called them to a task. In the doing of the tasks, supported and inspired by the spirit of God, they grew in stature before man and God and proved equal to the responsibility and opportunity which God had placed before them.

When we consider our own weak-

nesses, our lack of wisdom and courage, of stamina and love, we are tempted to say we are not equal to the tasks God has set before us. This is not a valid excuse. God, who creates out of nothing, can grant unto us those things needed for the accomplishment of His purposes. Believing this, it is for us to trust in Him and to do our very best. He will not fail us. Let us not fail Him.

—James H. Lightbourne, Jr.

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The Superintendent's Schedule

- Jan. 8 — Stearns Community Church
- Jan. 12 — Nashville Brookmeade Church
- Jan. 13 — Survey & Church Aid Committee and Christian Education Committee meeting in Atlanta
- Jan. 14 — Board of Directors meeting 10:30 a. m. in Atlanta
- Jan. 15-16 — Franklinton Center Board meeting in Bricks, N. C.
- Jan. 23-30 — Midwinter meetings in Buckhill Falls, Pa.
- Feb. 6 — Georgia Council of Churches Executive Committee meeting
- Feb. 11-13 — Southern Christian Social Action Institute in Avon Park, Fla.

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Coming Events: 1958

- Jan. 26 — Youth Week
- Feb. 9 — Race Relations Sunday
- Feb. 11-14 — Southern CSA Institute in Avon Park, Fla.
- Feb. 16 — Brotherhood Week
- Feb. 21 — World Day of Prayer
- March 15-16 — SEC Pilgrim Fellowship
- April 7-17 — Women's Fellowship spring rallies with Miss Lillian Gregory
- April 19-20 — SEC annual meeting

Church News.....

The Birmingham Pilgrim Church, for Universal Week of Prayer, Jan. 5-11, arranged one of the church school rooms as a chapel for the entire week, open from 9 a. m. until 9 p. m. Members were urged to come by and have private devotions each day. Devotional literature was available. "The Upper Room," "Daily Devotions," "Power for Daily Living" by Peter Marshall, "Abundant and Victorious Living" by E. Stanley Jones, "God's Minute" and other devotional booklets.

The book of Worship Resources describes the significance of Universal Week of Prayer. "It is observed on an international basis during the first week of January, dates back to 1848 and appropriately inaugurates the New Year in the spirit of confession, petition, and intercession. Weekday services of devotion and instruction are often planned."

The Rev. Clarence Baldwin led a special prayer service on the evening of Jan. 8, examining some of the great prayers of Christendom, and "how" and "what it means" to pray.

The children of the Sunday School met at the church on Dec. 21 and took gifts to two nursing homes, with the Cherub and Carol Choirs singing carols. Gifts were bought by the children with money they had earned themselves.

On Dec. 22, an evening service of candlelight, carols and choirs, with organ music by Mrs. Cavaleri and the Chancel, Cherub, and Carol choirs combined with readings by the Pilgrim Fellowship, brought "The Everlasting Light" for worship and enjoyment. Refreshments were served after the service.

Mr. Baldwin was appointed to the Committee on Devotions of the Birmingham Ministerial Association for 19-58.

Dorothy Plosser sent 129 pounds of clothing, including sheets, blankets, etc. for "overseas" on the World Community Day program.

Dick Warren was a panel discussion member, Nov. 29, at a session on the relationship of local and regional social studies councils, part of the 37th annual meeting of the National Council

for Social Studies held in Pittsburgh, Pa.

—from the church newsletter

The ROANOKE ANTIOCH CC CHURCH and the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church had a union Christmas program, with Antioch selecting the date and the program held at Pleasant Hill Church. The program was by members of both churches with Rev. A. C. Nelson, pastor of the Antioch Church, giving the sermonette.

Mr. Nelson was recently elected as moderator of the East Alabama Association and will also serve as area minister-at-large for the association.

Our Ladies Society sponsored their annual Family Night with a bountiful meal, a beautiful Christmas tree and members exchanging gifts. The Rev. and Mrs. Nelson were presented with a generous gift of money.

We have completed the installation of memorial stained glass windows in our sanctuary, and we are very proud of them. Our next project will be new pews or a new educational building. Our church has made much progress in the year of 1957.

—Anita Williams, reporter

At KNOXVILLE FIRST CHURCH on Dec. 15 a special Christmas meditation, "Crown Him Your King," was used for the evening worship service. The Speech Arts Department of Central High School, using a chorus of sixty voices, spoke antiphonally with the singing choir. Ron Ashburn, WNOX radio announcer, acted as narrator. The sanctuary was beautifully decorated with white magnolia leaf poinsettias for the holiday season.

A family night covered-dish dinner was enjoyed by the congregation on Wednesday night, Dec. 18. All participated in carol singing by candlelight as a homey fireplace scene on an improvised stage furnished the setting for Father, Mother and the babe on Christmas Eve. Little brother and sister hung icicles on the tree and hung up their stockings on the mantel; then Father read the Christmas Story from the Bible. Susie Meismar sang "Silent Night" as she stood in her nightgown by Mother's knee. Charles E. Donaghy, toastmaster and emcee, presented mem-

Death Claims Rev. Ellerbee

The Rev. Robert J. Ellerbee, pastor of the Gaillard Pleasant Hill and the Rock Bethany Congregational Christian Churches, died at his home in Columbus, Ga., on Oct. 18, 1957.

Mr. Ellerbee was born Nov. 2, 1900, in Upson County, Ga., and had lived in Columbus for the past 40 years. He has been active in the Georgia-South Carolina Conference for the past 22 years, and in the Southeast Convention since it was organized in 1949.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Alice Ellerbee; a son, Robert G. Ellerbee; a daughter, Mrs. Mildred Arnold; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Judy McMichael; his stepmother, Mrs. Lela Ellerbee; three brothers, R. C., F. Noah, and H. B. Ellerbee; and two sisters, Mrs. Nell Davis and Mrs. Addie McKissak; and three grandchildren, Barbara Ellerbee, Kenneth Arnold and Philip Arnold.

The Rev. H. C. Marx, the Rev. John W. Miller, and the Rev. Richard J. Barnes conducted the funeral service, with burial in Parkhill Cemetery.

Members of other churches who were honor guests. About 125 fellowshipped together.

The Christmas Eve communion service was held at 11 p. m., with the Rev. A. Ray Meserve bringing the impressive message. New members were received at this time.

—Alberta Ahler, reporter

The FORT VALLEY SOCIETY HILL CHURCH has enjoyed several guest speakers in November: Joe Luce brought a wonderful message on Nov. 5, Joe Williams gave the sermon on Nov. 17. Bob Cox and Robert Moon taught the lessons on Christian religion on Wednesday nights, Nov. 20 and 27.

It was our great pleasure to surprise the Rev. and Mrs. Dorsey With a housewarming shower on the night of Dec. 4.

Our Christmas program was held on Dec. 22, with the children and young people participating. Santa Claus was there to hand out gifts from beneath the Christmas tree.

We hope all the "Southeast News" readers had a merry Christmas, and wish for you the happiest of New Years.

—Mrs. Bobby Jones, reporter

DID YOU KNOW

. . . that Mrs. William Wisseman of Greensboro, N. C., is to be national chairman of Friendly Service. All six departments of National Fellowship of C. C. women will now have national chairmen. Mrs. Wisseman has been chairman of Friendly Service for the Southern Convention and has had several articles published in "Children's Religion." She was the speaker for the Women's Fellowship of the SEC at Charleston, S. C., in 1955.

. . . that Rev. Raymond Berry of La-Grange, Ga., is president of the Callaway Ministerial Association, and area director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

. . . that Mrs. Erston M. Butterfield is greatly improved and she was able to be up for Christmas dinner.

. . . that the Rev. Earl Hand has accepted a call to Tallassee Mount Olive Church.

. . . that the Rev. and Mrs. John Crutcher have a new daughter, Barbara Jane, born Dec. 24.

. . . that Union Church in Virgilina, Va., served by Dr. David W. Sheppard, has recently completed a new religious education building. The church this fall entertained the Piedmont Fellowship of laymen and the Pilgrim Fellowship of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference.

. . . that the Rev. Collie Seymour was featured in "The Christian Sun" when the Men's Fellowship of Albemarle Church entertained the Men's Brotherhood of St. James E & R Church on Nov. 23.

. . . that the Christian Missionary Society of the Southern Convention, an organization similar to our Church Builders Club, met at Bayside Church on Dec. 3, the total income for the year amounted to \$6,118. The Rev. Hugh Lasseter, new pastor of the Hopewell Church, addressed the group.

Aid To Greek People

An explosion on the waterfront at Perama, Greece, destroyed a group of fishing vessels and created an emergency for people who depended upon their fleet. Through the aid of Church World Service, with which our Service Committee is affiliated, and the World Council of Churches, 14 small boats were replaced.



Participants in the ordination service held Dec. 3, 1957, at County Line Church, Hampton, Ga., for the Rev. Richard J. Barnes, Sr. Left to right: Dr. Thomas Anderson, Rev. James H. Lightbourne, Jr., Rev. W. Raymond Berry, and Rev. Richard J. Barnes. During the past year Mr. Barnes has received eighteen members into the church.

1958 Churchmen's Seminar

The Churchmen's Washington Seminar is a cooperative enterprise of 18 denominational groups which provides an opportunity for religious leaders to study the operation of the federal government at its source.

The seminar this year will be held Feb. 4-7 and registration is \$10, which includes cost of four meals. Attendance is limited to 300 persons, selected by the participating denominations. Anyone interested should write to Dr. Ray Gibbons, 289 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y., for information and for certification as a delegate. (This year's quota for C C Churches is 32 persons.)

The Seminar offers its participants opportunities for direct contact with government official personnel through personal or group interviews and panel discussion; for attendance at hearings before congressional committees; for visits to some of the various government departments, such as State, Interior, Commerce, Justice, where conferences dealing with the functions of each are conducted on the scene.

Discussion periods are arranged to follow these first-hand experiences of seeing the Government at work. In these discussions like-minded Christian leaders talk and think together about things that can and ought to be done by Christian citizens in the interest of better government.

Student Industry At SUC

"Bison Crafts" is the trade name of a newly developed student industry at the Southern Union College in Wadley. A shipment of 50 pieces of copper enamel jewelry was sent in December to a church outlet in Worcester, Mass., and may well be the beginning of a new student income project for the Wadley College.

The new project grew out of a new course in Creative Arts which was introduced to the curriculum in September under the guidance of Mrs. Austin F. Staples, instructor of art at SUC. Mrs. Staples, a graduate of Judson College, has won many prizes and awards for her original creations in the field of jewelry. Eight students enrolled for the class and have found it to be one of tremendous interest. The beginning work is with copper enameling and ample opportunity is offered for individual tastes in creative design. The full program will run for an entire school year and will conclude with the highly specialized silver jewelry construction.

Vice-president Douglas Wasson took some of the student products with him on a speaking tour in the New England states and found a great deal of interest on the part of church groups. After consultation with the students and Mrs. Staples, the program of student industries was born. Several requests have already come in for Bison Crafts and it appears that the Creative Arts Foundation at SUC will have its hands full in the future.

Discount On Books

According to Charles A. Butts, General Manager, the Pilgrim Press is now granting a special discount of 20% on purchases of books for personal use to pastors of Congregational Christian Churches, to ordained C C ministers, and to additional ordained persons listed in the General Council Year Book.

A few books, on which the PP book stores receive less than the normal trade discount from the publisher, must be excluded from this offer.

Place your orders with the Pilgrim Press Bookstore, 14 Beacon St., Boston 8, Mass. Orders should indicate you are a minister of our fellowship and entitled to the special discount.

CHURCH VOCATIONS CONFERENCE HELD

The response was excellent for the first Church Vocations Conference held Dec. 27-29. In the beautiful new lounge of Pilgrim Hall, 31 young people met with the 16 adult leaders. Supt. James Lightbourne Jr. began the program with a talk and discussion on "What Constitutes a Call?"

Literature was available on the various vocations. A filmstrip, "I Found a New World," closed the first evening, and the young people went into counseling groups arranged by the Rev. and Mrs. William Taylor.

After morning worship at the breakfast table, the group went again to the lounge for a panel discussion on Church Vocations, with Supt. Lightbourne as chairman. Rev. Arnold Slater presented the Parish Ministry, Mrs. Raymond Berry, the field of Christian Education, and Miss Isabel Hemingway (missionary nurse from China and Turkey) the field of Missions.

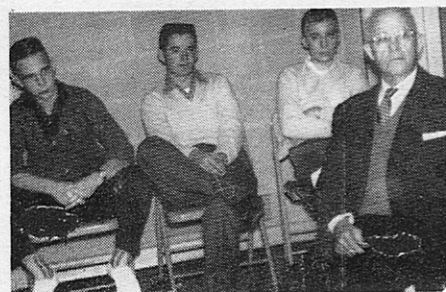
Workshops were then held on these three general fields, with Rev. W. W. Elder presenting the Chaplaincy, and Rev. Raymond Berry speaking for the rural ministry. Miss Margaret Beaird and Miss Annie Campbell, along with some former student summer service workers, acted as resource persons with Mrs. Berry in Christian Education.

In the afternoon of the 28th Miss Stevetta Green led a panel discussion on variations in the field of Church Vocations. Mrs. Arnold Slater humorously presented the life of the minister's wife, Mrs. Hope Saunders (Birmingham Pilgrim Church) told of the joys and problems of the church secretary, and Miss Margaret Beaird most ably and interestingly spoke of the Social Service Worker — particularly the medical worker.

The program ended with an inspiring talk on "Taking Up Our Cross" by Rev. Carl Landes, and a communion service led by Rev. Berry and Dr. A. R.



Registration: Wayne Graves and Bill Green registering Miss Stevetta Green



Discussion Group: Wayne Graves, Lowell Kennedy, Robert Saunders with Rev. W. W. Elder, discussing the Chaplaincy.

Van Cleave.

Those present said it was one of the best conferences they had ever attended and hoped to see future ones planned. The Alabama Women's Fellowship helped to make the conference possible by allocating some of their Woman's Gift money for this purpose.

Worship services, singing, and recreation were led by the following young people: Wayne Graves, Mary Sue Johnson, Bill Green, Melissa Kelly, Millard Fuller, V. R. Dobson, and Bettye Slater.

Prof. and Mrs. Edge, assisted by Rev. Landes, ably took care of the "food department," pinch-hitting for Mrs. Landes.

For Bible Study Groups

"We Believe," by Robert V. Moss Jr., President of Lancaster Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa., is a booklet of programs for leaders of adult groups, published after consultations with adult lay agencies of the E & R and C C Churches.

There are twelve subtopics in the book, one for each month of the year, which may be used in monthly sequence or interchanged.

The twelve subtopics are: We Believe; We Believe in the Bible; Our Guide to Faith; We Believe in God, the Father Almighty; We Believe That Man Is Created in the Image of God; We Believe in the Atonement; We Believe in the Holy Spirit; We Believe in One Holy Universal Christian Church; We Believe in the Sacraments; We Believe in the Life of Discipleship; We Believe in Eternal Life; We Believe in the Kingdom of God.

The usefulness of this book is increased by "Some Thoughts on Program Planning" by the author. Each program is preceded by a "Purpose" and each one includes worship suggestions. There is a listing of visual aids related to the general theme.

This book could be used effectively by prayer and Bible study groups in keeping with the first Emphasis of our Women's Fellowship for this year: "To cultivate the spirit of Christ in our own lives by daily Bible reading and Bible Study groups. Price 40c; order from National Women's Fellowship, 19 So. LaSalle St., Chicago 3, Illinois.

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